



Memorandum

To: Rochester Bicycle Boulevards Steering Committee

From: Lindsay Zefting, Alta Planning + Design

Date: 02/14/2014

Re: Rochester Bicycle Boulevards Plan Public Meeting #1 Minutes

The City of Rochester Bicycle Boulevard Public Meeting #1
Kate Gleason Auditorium – Public Library
February 11th, 2014 6 – 8 PM

Erik Frisch began the meeting with a brief introduction and an overview of the City's efforts to improve bicycling within the City. Jeff Olson and Lindsay Zefting from Alta Planning + Design then gave a half hour presentation to explain what bicycle boulevards are, their benefits, and their potential impacts. This included the Streetwise Portland Neighborhood Greenways video. The presentation is posted on the project website. After the presentation, participants were asked to break into three groups and provide comments on destinations and bicycle boulevard route options on the maps provided. Jeff also led an additional group of participants that wanted to discuss broader topics such as benefits, maintenance, winter cycling, and funding.

Following the group discussion, an example bicycle boulevard route was selected and a Google street view tour was led by Jeff and Lindsay. This tour included review of why the route may be a good bicycle boulevard candidate, potential connections to parks and other destinations, traffic calming features, and options for major roadway crossings. Questions and comments from the public included driveway interactions, roadway crossing options and alternatives for reducing vehicle speeds.

The following is a summary of the comments received from the public during the meeting:

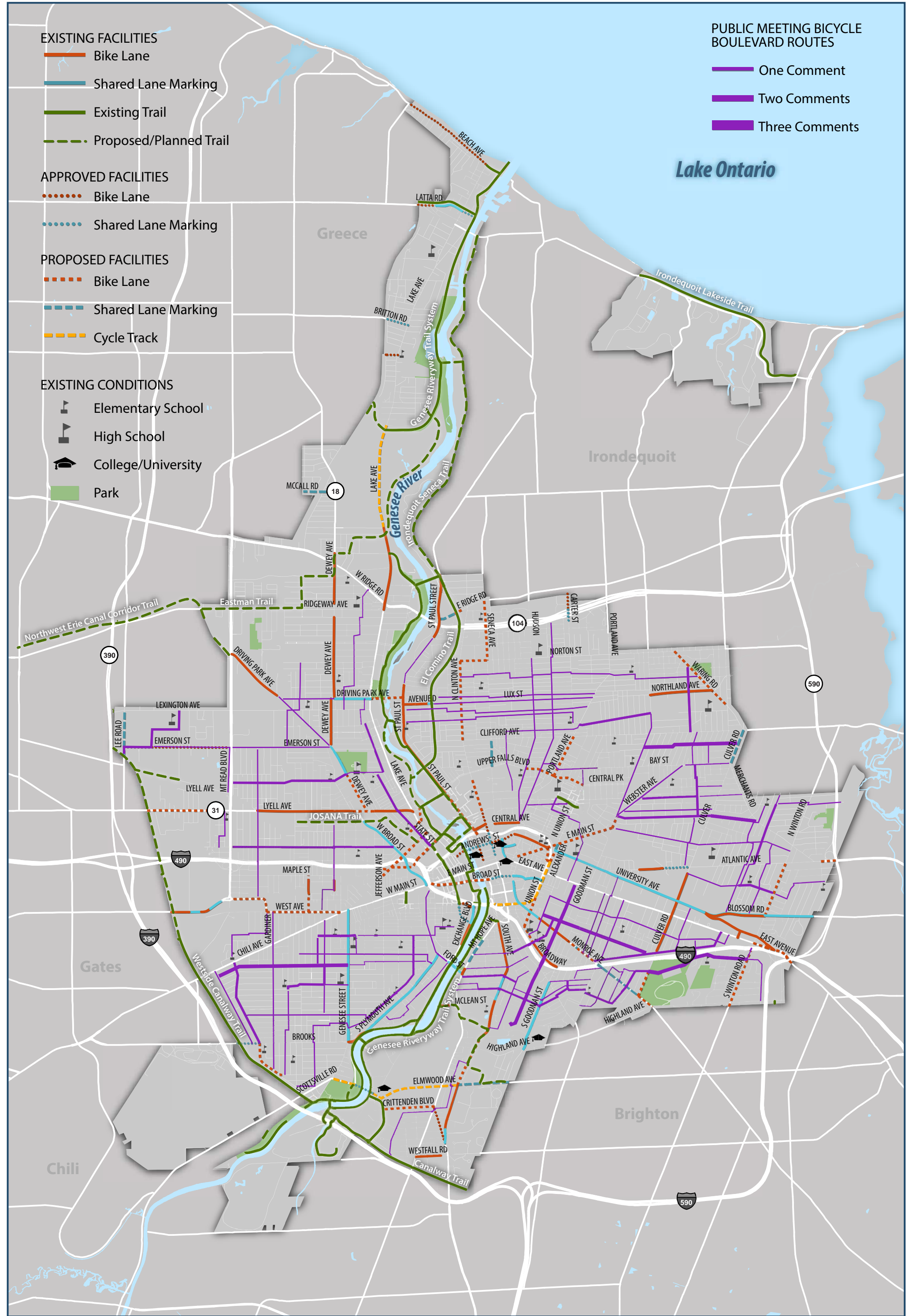
- Connect to major ROC outsiders such as RIT and the airport
- Be careful with streets that create wind tunnels over the winter
- Create a bikeway loop to close the system
- Improve the Erie Canal Trail by separating cyclists and runners
- Contiguity is critical – we must be able to use bike boulevards and infrastructure for daily transportation

- Winter – maintenance of bike infrastructure – plowing and clearing as is done in Boston, Madison, Denver, Minneapolis, and other northern cities.
- What is planned for the new Inner Loop boulevard?
- Connect the Erie Canal Trail to Greece
- Plow the Genesee Riverway Trail system
- Connect RIT, UofR, and MCC
- Connection between the Canal Trail and Edison Tech campus
- ROC Community Bikes – gave away 2,500 bikes last year
- Connections to the Public Market
- Use the Rt 590 lanes that have been blocked off
- Connect the Irondequoit Lakeside Trail across the bay to Webster
- Future car oriented development by Uof R Medical Center near Elmwood Ave and Crittenden Blvd that needs bike boulevard access
- Educate cyclists, recreational and new commuters, on how to be safe in traffic and work with cars
- Connect to all regional parks possible, encourage suburban cyclists, and involve bike clubs for more advocates
- Non-physical aspects of a bike boulevard program: 85% speed laws, education, and enforcement for both bikes and cars
- Cobbs Hill Park, Tryon Park, Ellison Park, Lincar Garden, and the intersection of East Ave and University Ave are key destinations
- Bring back the Lake Ave road diet
- Mt Hope is a really bad alternative for bikes. Turns are bad for Collegetown.
- Bly St may be a better bike blvd option than Linden St
- Path through Culver Road Armory and Wide Water community garden is an opportunity
- Bike Racks are needed at Tryon Park
- Westfall is a 5 star ride across town. Easy and safe – wide with few driveways and cross streets

Route Specific Comments are listed below and shown on the attached map in purple:

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| • An alternative to Main Street is needed | • An Alternative to Highland Ave is needed. | • Connection between facilities on Driving Park Ave |
| • An alternative to Mount Hope Ave is needed | • Connection between facilities on Emerson St | • Arnett Blvd |

- Aberdeen St
- Akron Rd
- Averill Ave
- Alphonse St
- Ashwood Dr
- Alexander St
- Bly St
- Barrington St
- Castleman Rd
- Cedarwood Terrace
- Colebourne Rd
- Caroline St
- Child St
- Dartmouth St
- Dr Samuel McCree Way
- East Dr
- Fairfax Rd
- Ford St
- Ferncliffe Dr
- Frost Ave
- Fulton St
- Fernwood Ave
- Greely St
- Gillette St
- Genesee Park Blvd
- Glide St
- Grand St
- Goodman St
- Gregory St
- Harvard St
- Hudson Ave
- Humboldt St
- Jay St
- Lyceum St
- Linden St
- Lux Street
- Mount Vernon Ave
- Meigs St
- North St
- Norris Dr
- Otis St
- Oxford St
- Parsells Ave
- Pinnacle Rd
- Pioneer St
- Post Ave
- Plymouth Ave
- Rocket St
- Raines Park
- Rosewood Terrace
- Sawyer St
- Seward St
- Stanton St
- Thurston Rd
- Wilkins St
- Webster Ave
- Weaver St
- Westfield St
- Wooden St
- Winbourne Rd
- Wellington Ave



EXISTING FACILITIES

- Bike Lane
- Shared Lane Marking
- Existing Trail
- Proposed/Planned Trail

APPROVED FACILITIES

- Bike Lane
- Shared Lane Marking

PROPOSED FACILITIES

- Bike Lane
- Shared Lane Marking
- Cycle Track

EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Elementary School
- High School
- College/University
- Park

PUBLIC MEETING BICYCLE BOULEVARD ROUTES

- One Comment
- Two Comments
- Three Comments



Rochester Bicycle Boulevard Plan Equity Mapping



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